

# FOHBC NEWS



## FROM & FOR OUR MEMBERS

### Recently Stolen

Recently stolen from "The Factory Antique Mall" located in Verona Virginia.

1. Log Cabin Hops and Buchu in excellent condition dark amber color
2. Warner's Safe Pressberg in excellent condition dark amber color
3. Warner's three city "Animal bottle" amber color potstone on right shoulder

Please contact 540.255.3143, 4649dean@comcast.net, or Augusta County Virginia Sheriffs Dept, (speak to Matthew Wilcher 540.487.7143)

Thanks, Russell Dean

### Ash Tonic Bitters - Hoochie Mama

Ferdinand

This is to let you know that I posted a piece on John Hortling of Lancaster, Pennsylvania today in which you are mentioned. I had been gathering info and images on Hortling but could not find a "hook" until I came across your piece on the \$5,000 plus sale of the Ash Tonic Bitters and was taken with "Hoochie Mama" - echoing my surprise and dismay. Thinking about it, however, finding another such bottle with labels intact after a century has passed may prove impossible. Read: Ash Tonic Bitters - John C. Hortling, Lancaster, Pennsylvania at Peachridge Glass.



Trust you and Elizabeth are keeping safe. We are still firmly locked down. It may be a long haul.

Jack Sullivan  
Arlington, Virginia

### A large collection of ceramic beer bottles or ginger beer bottles

Hello Martin,

My name is Glen Ogle, I'm not sure if I am sending this to the right person from the FOHBC but I'm currently helping my parents sell some of their antique bottles. There is some glass, but it is primarily a large collection of 3,000 or so ceramic beer bottles

or ginger beer bottles. They used to run an antique store here in Santa Barbara out of our 1889 Victorian house. When they purchased the house many years ago the walkway up to the house was made of ceramic beer bottles that the original owner "Lord" Harry Harcroft had put in place. They removed them years ago, then just sat on the bottles till now.

There's a lot of interesting history behind our house and the original owner "Lord" Harry, who was the local blacksmith, had set a world record for the longest bolt sometime around 1890s. It was 62' long. He made two for the bell towers of a local church. I could list more but to keep things relatively short I was wondering if FOHBC only did glass bottles or ceramic bottles too. If so knew of anyone who was in the Santa Barbara area that could help us figure out the value of the Ceramic bottles? If the FOHBC would want to do a story, that would be cool, too.

As far as the glass bottles I have to round them all up and will send a picture of them when I do one. One in particular was a small cobalt blue bottle that I found while digging the foundation of our house in the '90s. So far we haven't been able to find out the value of it but only that it probably held something poisonous. I will send a picture of that too.

Thanks for taking the time to read my email, I appreciate it and all the info on the FOHBC website. Hope to hear back from you soon.

Glen Ogle  
Santa Barbara, California

### Response from: John O'Neill

Glen,

Thank you for providing photos of your parents bottles. I would advise you to start collecting bottles and keep your parents legacy moving forward on what can be a fun lifetime adventure in learning about glass and making new friendships in this hobby. You have a nice variety of bottles from the Avon Hoboken(case gin) as well as the hobble skirt Coke bottles. If we can't convince you to start a collection, you can always sell these directly on eBay, under bottles and insulators. There are no great undiscovered treasures in the photos, and the Hoboken is probably the best among them and is very common. It might bring \$50-\$100 in an online auction such as eBay. Not sure what the others may bring, but eBay can provide you with a good idea of values by looking under the advanced tab for recently completed sales. The local Santa Bottle is probably an Olive Oil or Beer Bottle which may be of interest to local collectors. The others may have additional suggestions, but thanks for reaching out to us.

## Midwest Region Steve Lang



Hello and welcome to the Midwest Region Report. Twenty-two clubs within 13 states and needless to say I was overwhelmed to begin with. I was listening to John Panek speak about the death of a local collector during his 1st Chicago Bottle Club Zoom meeting on August 21st and he mentioned that in addition to the items we collect we also “collect friends.” I wrote the phrase down at the time and thought how true that is. I am no longer overwhelmed with this task but welcome the challenge to collect friends from a larger area than just my local club. So if you are reading this and are a club in the Midwest Region, I will be reaching out to you in the very near future. I would like to update the club contact / club information listed on the website. If you would like to reach out to me for any reason my contact info is at the bottom of this article and in the listing of FOHBC officers.

Below is a summary of what has been going on with some of the club's in the Midwest.

- 1st Chicago Bottle Club (Hinsdale, IL) – I was lucky enough to be invited to this club's Zoom meeting held August 21st. Happy Birthday John Panek who turned 80 on the day of the meeting. I was warmly welcomed by the 15 members who participated. A moment of silence was held for the passing of Bob Sobon, future club meeting programs were discussed and show and tell was held.
- Circle City Bottle Club (Indianapolis, IN) – The club has lost its meeting location due to Covid-19 restrictions. Our June and July meetings were held at club members homes where we were able to see personal collections. A meeting was held in my place of work on August 26th to plan our club show to be held September 19th in Lebanon, IN.
- Wabash Valley Antique Bottle & Pottery Club (Terre Haute, IN) – The Club held their annual Summer Picnic on Saturday August 22nd at Deming Park in Terre Haute. I was able to attend and take part in the good food and a nice Southern Indiana bottle display by Allen Mitchell. After the food a short meeting was held to talk about their 21st Annual Bottle & Pottery Show to be held on November 21st, 2020 at the Vigo County Fairgrounds in Terre Haute.
- Findlay Bottle Club (Findlay, OH) – I emailed with Marianne Dow and they voted to cancel their October Club show during their last meeting. They did hold their August meeting on the 9th.
- Kalamazoo Antique Bottle Club (Kalamazoo, MI) – I emailed with Allan Holden and it was sad to hear long time club President Chuck Parker had passed away after their May meeting. Allan is hopeful the club will be able to move forward after this loss.

- Kansas Territory Antique Bottle & Postcard Club (Hutchinson, KS) – I emailed with Mike McJunkin and they too had to cancel their 2020 club show. They are down to 7 or 8 club members but are hopeful to have their 2021 show.

Thank you and can't wait to collect more friends. I will continue reaching out.

## Northeast Region Jeff Ullman



Even though everything except our birthdays have been cancelled this year, several of our Northeast shows found a way to get it done and work around all the restrictions placed on us.

First up in July was Shupp's Grove Bottle Show in PA. This has always been an outdoor show. But there still needed to be precautions in place. I did not personally attend this year, but from all indications, the show was successful and there were little to no issues. In fact, it went well enough that they decided to have a fall show as well. That show is going to be on the weekend of Sept. 19 – 20th. Glass Works Auctions is holding a Live auction in conjunction with this show. By the time this article is published, it will have already been held, so good luck to all involved!



Hudson Valley and Albany Club Show, everyone keeping their distance

The Hudson Valley Club and the Albany Club also held their shows this year. Hudson Valley kept their same venue and date but had very strict guidelines regarding distancing and kept the number of people and dealers lower and more controlled. Even so, I heard from a few dealers and Hudson Valley Club members who had a great show and a good time!

The Albany (Capital Region) Club changed things up a bit from normal. I am an active member of this club and our usual inside venue was not going to accommodate us. After some discussion



among the members, we decided to try an informal "tailgate" show. We were able to secure the fields of the Mabee Farm in Rotterdam Junction, NY. This farm is a part of the Schenectady County Historical Society and is just a great place! Plenty of field space, easy access off State Route 5S and even access to



Another view of a beautiful day at the Hudson Valley and Albany Club Show

their huge, open air Dutch Barn! We had a somewhat small group compared to our normal show with around 15 dealers and probably 40 or 50 buyers throughout the day, but we had a great time and will likely promote this venue and have our show there next year! I have attached a few photos of the "crowd".

Hopefully, next year things will get back to normal. It's still nice to see the hobby doing what it can to carry on! Send me photos or info on what your club is doing so we can keep everyone in the loop! Be well! Contact me with additional news



This entire year has been somewhat of a bust for the socializing of bottle collectors in the West. Much like the rest of the country, even club meetings have been severely diminished or cancelled. One of the last notable events has been a default meeting of the 49er club hosted at Rick Pisano's house in Grass Valley, California. Those attendees brave enough to expose themselves to



A group of wonderful looking bottles on display at Rick Pisano's house who hosted a pot-luck dinner

individuals from virtually all parts of California tried to catch up on things while enjoying a pot-luck barbecue under the roof of hosts, Rick and Tammy Correa.

In order to get my 'bottle fix' I have joined the social media crowd on Facebook. A rather lively bunch is located at "California Antique Bottles" which has provided some much needed entertainment, with collectors from all over the country showing their bottles of the day.



Another group of wonderful looking bottles on display at Rick Pisano's house during the pot-luck dinner



When I took over the Southern Director job, I didn't know where to start. So I started at the root of any group, the people. I called collectors, chairmen and clubs.

I wanted their input to get a base line. My calls and emails didn't get a warm welcome from everyone but the ones that did welcome the call gave me a lot of information.

Some issues are a long term fix, while some we can start to change now. So my first force is shows, therefore I have been talking to some chairmen as often as I can talking about coming shows.

Trying to network the shows and get word out about them. I have started mailing letters that list southern shows that I am aware of.

Then I asked to be put on the information table and if a chairman would send me a flyer. I will also include other show flyers in the packet I send to all other chairmen.

I invite all chairmen to send me flyers to send out to the other chairmen. The idea has been successful so far, I hope to get



**JAMAICA CHAMPAGNE BEER**  
By Eric McGaule

Here in England about 1830, his full name was Hatty David Lopez de Fonseca, descended from the Portuguese Jewish family who settled in London, a branch of which settled in New England in the early 1700s. Many of this family became involved in the rum and tobacco trade, and in the 18th century, some specialized in cigar making. He is often confused with another David Fonseca who was also born in England about the same time but who settled in Boston as a cigar maker and died there in 1897.

Just when David L. Fonseca arrived in California is not known but he was first listed in the 1860 San Francisco business directory as a physician living at 644 Sacramento Street. There is no record of him practicing or receiving schooling in the medical field, and judging by his ever-changing occupations it is doubtful that he did.

**SNOW FLAKE WHISKEY**  
By Steve Abbott

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

**HALL, LUMPS & CO.**  
WHOLESALE GROCERS  
LIQUOR DEALERS

SNOW FLAKE! The name alone is a perfect fit for this whiskey. The name is so perfect that it is a shame that it is not used more often. The name is so perfect that it is a shame that it is not used more often. The name is so perfect that it is a shame that it is not used more often.

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As his second choice, Daniel Webster defines the word Collector as.....

**Obsessed by Arkansas Saloons**  
By Jason "Lumpy" Childers

"A person or thing that collects; specifically, a person who collects stamps, books, etc. as a hobby."

**A HISTORY OF KILLING WORMS: MCLANE**  
By Zach Beer

Introduction

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